

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat comprising:

providing a cushioning material having a ridge defining a seating area, said ridge and said seating area separated by a concave groove around the seating area;

covering and attaching a water-proof film to the cushioning material;

cutting the water-proof film around the concave groove and then removing that portion of the water-proof film covering the seating area;

joining a first portion of skin material corresponding to the seating area and a second portion of skin material for covering portions of the cushioning material outside of the seating area;

coating an adhesive on at least one ~~the seating area~~ of the cushioning material and a first portion of a ~~the~~ skin material disposed to cover the seating area;

covering the cushioning material with the skin material;

press-bonding the skin material to the cushioning material; and

securing a peripheral edge of the skin material to the seat.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat as defined in claim 13, wherein the method further comprises:

vacuum forming the skin material into a three-dimensional shape prior to said coating.

15. (Currently Cancelled)

16. (New)        A method of manufacturing a vehicle seat as defined in claim 13 wherein adhesive is not applied to the cushioning material outside of the seating area or to the second portion of the skin material.